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MONITORING OF ORPHANAGES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated effective laws and constituted vigilance agencies for protection, adoption of minor orphan children, running orphanages and preventing the exploitation of children;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the details of Government/Non-Government orphanages in the country at present, State/Union Territory-wise;

(d) whether the social and religious institutions receiving foreign and private monetary assistance can run orphanages;

(e) if so, the details thereof ; and

(f) the details of supervision, control and monitoring measures for the said institutions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) and (b) The Orphanages and Other Charitable Homes (Supervision and Control) Act, 1960 provides for the supervision and control of orphanages, homes for neglected women or children and other similar institutions. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 provides for proper care, protection and treatment of children in need of care and protection. The latter Act provides for constitution of a Child welfare committee by the State Government for every district or a group of districts for carrying out inquiries in relation to such children for their rehabilitation. The Act also provides that no child shall be offered for adoption unless the Child Welfare Committee declares the child legally free for adoption in the case of abandoned children.

(b) The Ministry Of SOcial Justice and Empowerment does not maintain information pertaining to all the orphanages in the country. However, a statement giving the number of orphanages run by adoption agencies recognised by CARA as well as by organisations assisted under the Shishu Greha Scheme is given in the Annexure.

(d), (e) and (f) Yes, Sir. They can run orphanages if they are permitted to do so by the concerned State Government. The supervision, control and monitoring of institutions is the responsibility of the respective State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Home Affairs also monitors them under The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976